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SUBJECT: IPP-77 LAND CAMP PROGRAM

REF: A. HONG KONG 2067; B. BANGKOK 4362 NOTAL;
C. BANGKOK 4437 NOTAL; D. STATE 38477

1. REF B STATED THAT AS OF FEB 13, 2,365 ALIEN NUMBERS
HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO INLAND CAMP REFUGEES AND AN ADDI-
TIONAL 424 IN CATEGORIES III AND IV HAD RECEIVED CONDI-
TIONAL APPROVAL. REF B ADDED THAT POST EXPECTED TO EXCEED
4,000 ALIEN NUMBERS BY FEB 20 AND FINISH INS INTERVIEWS
BY MID-MARCH.

2. IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONCLUDE INS PHASE OF PROGRAM BY
MID-MARCH WHEN TDY OF INS OFFICERS SCHEDULED TO END. WE
WONDER, HOWEVER, IF THIS TARGET CAN BE ACHIEVED WHEN
ONLY 2365 A NUMBERS PLUS 424 CONDITIONAL A NUMBERS WERE
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ISSUED FROM BEGINNING OF PROGRAM MID-JANUARY THROUGH MID-
FEBRUARY. IN OTHER WORDS, PACE SO FAR WILL HAVE TO BE
ACCELERATED TO MEET TARGET DATE.

3. WE ALSO WONDER IF THERE IS ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN
POINT MADE REF C ABOUT MEDICAL EXAMS FOR INS OFFICERS
ASSIGNED TO THAILAND AND APPARENTLY SLOW PACE OF INS

INTERVIEWS SO FAR. ALTERNATIVELY, HAVE CASES BEEN ADEQUATELY DOCUMENTED BEFORE PRESENTATION TO INS? IN SHORT, ARE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO BOTH INS AND POST TO CONCLUDE INS INTERVIEWS BY MID-MARCH? IF THERE ARE ANY DIFFICULTIES, DEPT AND INS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER, INS/CO FEELS NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS PER INS OFFICER COULD BE DOUBLED. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE PROGRAM BY TARGET DATE.

4. RE SUGGESTION REF A REGARDING CONSIDERATION OF CAT III CASES, INS/CO AND STATE CONCUR THAT INS SHOULD CONTINUE PRESENT PRACTICE OF INTERVIEWING CAT III REFUGEES ALONG WITH THOSE IN CAT I AND II AND GIVING CONDITIONAL APPROVALS TO CAT III CASES. AS STATED REF D, WE LEAVE IT UP TO BANGKOK TO ENSURE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CAT I AND II CASES ARE PRESENTED TO INS BEFORE REMAINING A NUMBERS CAN BEGIN TO BE CONFERRED ON CONDITIONALLY APPROVED CAT III CASES. THERE IS NO NEED FOR WASHINGTON TO APPROVE THIS ACTION, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHEN THIS POINT REACHED, AS SUGGESTED REF A. VANCE

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